



CORONAVIRUS BRIEFING: JULY 1, 2020

THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BRIEFING FOR THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

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Wellesley Health Department COVID-19 Case Update.

Total confirmed cases in Massachusetts: 109,143 **New Cases Today:** 261

Total cases in Norfolk County: 9,184

Total cases in Wellesley: 226 (1 new)

82 cases total in Wellesley long-term care facilities

Positive antibody tests: 56

The number of positive COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts continues to trend downward due in large part to the vigilance all residents have shown in following the health and safety guidelines from the Commonwealth and the Wellesley Health Department. On June 30, Massachusetts marked its first day with no new COVID-19 deaths since the Coronavirus pandemic began. However, officials are proceeding cautiously with reopening as moving too quickly has the potential to create significant increases once again in the number of positive COVID-19 cases. [See the Massachusetts Department of Public Health COVID-19 dashboard.](#)

In Wellesley, there are currently four active cases of COVID-19. The majority of individuals in our community who contracted Coronavirus have fully recovered. The Health Department is beginning to see trends of two to three days without new cases but continue to urge residents to follow all guidelines as cases can spike at any time. Health officials are still very active with contact tracing and follow-ups to previous cases.

Enhanced information that is specific to Wellesley is updated weekly by State health officials and includes reports on cases and testing in communities, cases and deaths in long-term care facilities and other data. [Read the Weekly COVID-19 Cities and Towns Report.](#)

Stay Safe on July 4.

Health officials are reminding everyone that festivities and large gatherings including those over the July 4th weekend encourage crowds and jeopardize public health. Under the [Governor's revised gatherings order](#) groups of 10 or more individuals in close proximity in any confined indoor or enclosed outdoor space remain prohibited. This limitation specifically applies to gathering such as fairs or festivals. Private outdoor gatherings in backyards or parks are allowed as long as individuals can remain six feet apart.

Travel Restrictions Eased.

Due to a decline in COVID-19 cases in the Commonwealth, Massachusetts has eased 14-day quarantine restrictions for travelers coming from Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey, and New York. Travelers from outside of these seven states are still urged to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. If you plan to travel outside of Massachusetts, please check guidelines for those specific areas.

Parking Enforcement in Commuter and Business Lots Resumes.

Effective today, payment is required to park in Town-owned commuter and all-day parking lots. A new, touch-free system is now in place. All payments can be made online or via a smartphone using the [PayByPhone](#) or [Passport Parking](#) mobile apps.

To help support local businesses and encourage shopping in Wellesley, free parking at all 2-hour street meters in Wellesley has been extended until August. These meters have been bagged. Please be mindful of your time; **beginning today cars parked at bagged street meters will be ticketed after two hours.** Parking fees continue to apply at all 4-hour street meters.

All Town of Wellesley departments will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Wishing you a safe and healthy Fourth of July weekend!

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